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clean form. Additionally, in accordance with 37 CFR 1.121 (b)(iii), all paragraphs amended herein are set forth in a Marked Up Version on the sheets attached to this amendment.

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[0030] Besides, the retaining elements can also be configured as separate component parts corresponding to Figures 4, 5 which are undetachably connected to the brake pad 1 or the carrier plate. According to Figure 3, the carrier plate 2 on its side remote from the friction lining 3 has a projection 19 in the form of a sheet-metal punched-through projection on which a separate locking washer 20 makes a catch. Such a projection 19 can equally be provided on a retaining plate 12 connected to the brake pad 1. The locking washer 20 is clung on the projection 19 and, additionally, grips over a portion of the spring element 4 which is thereby retained on the brake pad 1.

Abstract

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[0033] The present invention relates to a brake pad having a retaining spring device for the detachable attachment of the brake pad on a piston of a spot-type disc brake. The retaining spring device includes at least one spring element which, with at least one spring portion, is engaged under spring bias into a circumferential groove on the outside surface of the piston. The spring element is attached to the side of the brake pad close to the piston by means of at least one retaining element. The retaining spring device permits the application of different spring force components due to the use of spring elements and retaining elements and, in addition, can be applied universally in different brake pad configurations.

IN THE CLAIMS:

Please cancel claims 18, 20, 21, 23, 24, and 27.

Please rewrite claims 19, 22, 25, 29, and 30 as set forth below in clean form.

Additionally, in accordance with 37 CFR 1.121 (c)(1)(ii), amended claims 19, 22, 25, 29, and 30 are set forth in a Marked Up Version in the pages attached to this amendment.

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19. (First Amended) The brake pad as claimed in claim 31, wherein the brake pad includes a carrier plate and a friction lining applied thereto, wherein the retaining element is undetachably connected to the carrier plate.

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23. (First Amended) The brake pad of claim 31, wherein the first spring element includes two first spring portions which are arranged opposite each other with respect to said piston axis.

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25. (First Amended) The brake pad of claim 31, further including two first spring elements, wherein each one of said two elements includes one first spring portion for urging the brake pad against the piston.

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29. (First Amended) The brake pad of claim 31, wherein the retaining member is configured as a hook or eyelet.

30. (First Amended) The brake pad of claim 31, wherein the retaining plate is configured as a damping plate.

Please add new claim 31 as follows.

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31. (New) Brake pad and brake piston assembly, comprising:
a brake piston having an outer surface encircled by a circumferential groove,
a retaining spring coupled to a brake pad, wherein said retaining spring engages said circumferential piston groove thereby detachably coupling the brake pad to the piston, wherein the retaining spring includes at least one spring element having a first portion which urges the brake pad against the piston and a second portion which applies a spring force to the brake pad in a direction which is generally perpendicular to an axis of travel of said piston.